

Giving Voice Chorale Companion Volunteer

Giving Voice brings together people with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia and their care partners to sing in choruses that foster joy, well-being, purpose, and community understanding.

As a **Chorale Companion**, you'll be a friendly, supportive presence each week for a chorus member living with dementia. Singing alongside them, you'll offer gentle guidance with the music, lyrics, and instructions, helping them have a meaningful and enjoyable experience at rehearsals and performances. More than just a volunteer, you'll build a real connection, fostering a sense of belonging, friendship, and acceptance for both the singers and their care partners. This role requires a commitment to attending all rehearsals and performances to ensure a consistent, supportive presence for your partner.

Responsibilities:

- **Provide Gentle Support:** Help your singing partner navigate each rehearsal with ease. Assist with music, lyrics, and directions, offering reassurance if they become confused, and always making sure they feel included and comfortable.
- **Engage Kindly:** Create meaningful, judgment-free conversations with members and their care partners, helping to foster a warm, welcoming atmosphere where everyone feels valued.

What We Expect from You:

- **Training:** Complete training to learn how to best support people living with dementia, ensuring you feel equipped for this rewarding role.
- **Weekly Attendance:** Commit to attending rehearsals each week (90-minute rehearsals), plus social time after. Your consistent presence is key to building a trusting relationship with your singing partner.
- **Optional Treats:** If you enjoy bringing a little something to share, you can sign up to bring treats for our post-rehearsal social time.
- **Additional Support (Optional):** Help with occasional office or administrative tasks as detailed in our weekly newsletters, if you're interested and able to contribute.

What We Provide:

- **Training:** Receive training that deepens your understanding of dementia and how to communicate effectively and compassionately with people living with it.
- **Music & Resources:** A customizable binder with sheet music for the semester, along with rehearsal audio tracks to help you feel confident in your role.
- **Weekly Newsletter:** Stay connected with updates on events, announcements, and additional opportunities to support our community.

Thank you for considering this meaningful and rewarding role! By offering your support, friendship, and voice, you're making a lasting difference in the lives of people in the Giving Voice community.